













## **Newbottle and Charlton CEVA Primary School**

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It has been so **lovely** to see all the children back into school. It feels a lot more normal again even though we are still in lockdown. I can imagine we are going to have a lot of tired children (and staff) tonight. This week the children have continued with their class topics and settled back in with some fun activities; completing some tasks linked to wellbeing. We have introduced a self-regulation tool into each class to support children in identifying and managing their feelings. We will be creating some mini-videos to explain what this means to parents and carers soon.

This week Oak class did some water colour painting studying daffodils; Ash class took part in a seasonal walk on Monday looking at how the village has changed as part of their science topic; Elm class have been studying Georges Seurat looking at the technique of pointillism and Birch class have been studying space and attended a live virtual event today learning about the Mars Rover and robotics.

Luckily we have been able to continue with our wrap-around provision since being in lockdown, when many schools have not offered this service at all. Due to a number of factors, we **will not** be able to offer Easter Holiday Club this year, but we will be offering some form of a holiday club during the summer and will communicate this to you after we have more guidance from the government.

Next Friday is **Red Nose Day!** We would love to hear lots of jokes in school and for a suggest donation of a £1 children can wear non-uniform with silly accessories- hat, hair band, messy hair, wig etc.

We have received some sad news and would like to offer our sympathies to the family of Dr Stephen Connelly (who had been a school governor until last year) who passed away last weekend and to the Leach family who also lost their father. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families at this time.

Hope you have a relaxing weekend especially for all the mums on Mothering Sunday.

Mr Peter Smith (Interim Headteacher)

Diary Dates
W/b 15th March

Mon-

**Tues**- Birch and Elm PE Day

**Wed-**Oak and Ash PE Day

Thurs-

Fri- RED NOSE DAY

TRAINERS NEEDED
EVERYDAY
Attachments: Whatsapp Guide,
Easter Raffle poster

Future Date for your Diary: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March -End of term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Start of term 5

You will find on our website a Child Protection Appendix which has been added to our Child Protection policy in light of us being fully open but still in lockdown

Click here to access it. A reminder to contact Mr Smith (DSL) or Miss Hirst (DDSL) if you have

any concerns.

IMPORTANT- ALLERGIES- Can I remind parents of our no nut policy in school and this now includes sesame seeds due to another child being diagnosed with a nut and seed allergy this week.

Thank you for your support













<u>Drop-off and Pick-ups:</u> A reminder to please be **mindful** of each other when dropping off and picking up your child from school, thinking about where to park and not blocking the road for other drivers. Please also ensure you keep 2m apart and wear a face covering when coming on to the school grounds. We ask that your promptly leave the school after pick-up time. We continue to evaluate and modify our procedures as it is often the most challenging part of the day and we have made the following changes:

- From next week children **all** classes can be dropped off between 8:45-9am at the entrances used at the moment- Please do think about what time you can arrive at school so that we don't have everyone arriving at 8:45am.
- **Elm** class from Monday can be dropped off at the front entrance in the morning but we are now asking for you to pick-up your child at **3:25 from the playground** (Follow one-way).

## **Free Online Courses for Adults**

We have been able to register our school to access a government funded scheme which offers free courses on a number of areas linked to mental health. Details were sent out earlier today in an email if you would like to register an interest in this.

This Week's Achievers							
	Evie	For having a resilient attitude when coming back to school and for also being a kind classmate.					
Oak	Oliver G	For having an excellent contribution during PSHE when talking about kindness.					
	Lizzy	For taking part in all the singing this week during collective worship.					
	Mikey & Schaefer	For both creating a beautiful daffodil painting using water colours.					
<u>Ash</u>	Adelaide	Fantastic explaining of her thinking.					
	Charlie	Putting his hand up to answer just about every maths question!					
	Maddie	Being a brilliant team member and talk partner and always thinking ahead.					
	Aela	Fantastic attitude to school. Unflappable, helpful and calm.					
	Lianie	Fantastic work in our resilience activities this week					
	Joe	An amazing pointillism painting. I can't wait to display it in the classroom.					
Elm	Imogen	A well thought out resilience acrostic poem.					
	Georgia	Fantastic vocabulary choices for her resilience poem.					
Birch	Lily	For showing a positive attitude upon returning to school and for working well with her					
	•	learning partner.					
	Kayla	For showing fantastic focus in class this week-well done.					
	Rhys	For working well in his team in PE and challenging himself with activities.					
	Toby	For showing great teamwork when making our papier mache planets.					

<u>Head Teacher Value Award</u>- **Teddy** for being polite, kind and showing the Christian value of thankfulness.

Top 10 Spellers this week!						
*** Maddie***	Bethany	Fred S	Joe	Athena		
Alana	Adelaide	Sienna G	Georgia	Sarah P		